

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DOUGLAS J. TRAMMELL, JOANN E.  
TRAMMELL

No. C 06-05760 WHA

Plaintiffs,

**ORDER OF REFERRAL**

v.

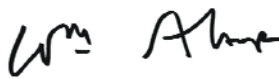
MERCK & COMPANY, INC., a corporation;  
and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

This action appears to be one of several cases currently pending in the Northern District of California involving the pharmaceutical Vioxx. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-12(c), the Court refers this matter to Judge Marilyn Hall Patel for the purpose of determining whether it is related to *Schwartz v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, Case No. 06-4180 MHP.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: September 26, 2006

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE